

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011

Applicant	San Benito County Water District	County	San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz,
Project Title	Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update		Monterey
		Grant Request	\$996,170
		Total Project Cost	\$1,417,574

Project Description The proposal would update the existing IRWMP to meet new Plan Standards and perform key planning studies to bridge information gaps identified in the existing plan. The planning studies include: San Benito River sediment deposition and flow study; develop salt nutrient management plans for the groundwater basins in the region; and College Lake improvement feasibility study.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	12
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	10
Budget	8
Program Preferences	10
Geographic Balance	0
Total Score	50

- **Work Plan** Overall good presentation, balance of projects, and provides description of impacts. Application shows a strong awareness of existing programs, opportunities to collaborate with numerous stakeholder contacts, and the region appears to be coordinating with other nearby regions. There is one anomaly in the work plan: the background section, page 56, states the Plan meets standards and will not require update, yet Task 2.1 requests funds to do so. Also, Tasks 8.1 and 10 should describe what kinds of data will be reviewed and updated.
- **DAC Involvement** The work plan presents the DAC involvement to date. Task 20 in the work plan solidifies the outreach efforts the IRWM region is going to undertake to continue to involve DACs and Tribal communities. The proposal demonstrates a focused and concerted effort for DAC.
- **Schedule** The schedule is consistent with the work plan and budget. The schedule shows deliverable dates as well as end tasks initiating other tasks. Schedule is reasonable and thorough.
- **Budget** Budget provides adequate detail for all work plan tasks, such as billing rates, matching funds, and hours for task. In most cases, items in the budget match those in the work plan and schedule; however, Task 9.1 budget does not include 'Final updated Finance Section' as in Work Plan and for Task 16.1, the budget description in the appendix calls for ~\$200,000 over three years, but the budget requests only \$112,100 for duration of project.
- **Program Preference** The work plan shows how the existing and proposed IRWM Plan meets statewide priorities and program preferences. Overall the proposal meets more than 10 preferences/priorities including: include regional projects, effectively integrate water mgmt programs and project w/in hydro region, effectively resolve water conflicts w/in region, contribute to one or more CALFED Bay-Delta objectives, address critical water supply/quality needs of DACs, climate change response actions, expand environmental stewardship, practice integrated flood management, protect surface water and groundwater quality, and ensure equitable distribution of benefits.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable